

# **State of Alaska FY2010 Governor's Operating Budget**

## **Department of Health and Social Services Family Preservation Component Budget Summary**

## Component: Family Preservation

### Contribution to Department's Mission

Family Preservation delivers services that help children and families at risk or in crisis. Support services include intensive pre-placement services to help children at risk of foster care placement remain safely in the family home. Family Preservation services also comprise follow-up care to families after a foster care placement or after a child abuse and neglect investigation has been substantiated.

### Core Services

- Award and manage statewide grants to non-profit agencies to provide services that keep children safe in their own homes; and to strengthen and support adoptive, foster, and extended families.
- Provide for community-based preventive activities designed to increase the strength, stability and wellbeing of children and families.
- Provide for time-limited family reunification services to families with a child in foster care or in a child care institution to facilitate timely reunification of the child and family safely and appropriately.
- Provide Independent Living services to support education, vocational training and life skills of youth in foster care as they enter early adulthood.
- Support Child Advocacy Center (CAC) programs that furnish a safe, child friendly environment for multiple agencies to coordinate child sexual abuse investigations.
- Represent OCS under the Children's Justice Act (CJA) in support of a State Task Force to "Identify areas where improvement is needed in the statewide response to child maltreatment particularly child sexual abuse, make recommendations and take actions to improve the system."
- Deliver support to develop, operate, expand, and enhance a network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs.

### FY2010 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

<b>FY2010 Component Budget: \$12,778,800</b>	<b>Personnel:</b>	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>

### Key Component Challenges

The Family Preservation component provides funding for Family Support, Family Preservation, and Time-Limited Family Reunification grants. Reductions in federal funding for child welfare programs have made it difficult to provide services to the level of need. Of the OCS budget proposals for FY2010 that fall into this component, 60% are required to replace federally reduced awards.

The OCS and the department as a whole continue to struggle to provide all services in all areas of the state. For example, residential treatment facilities are available in each region, but psychiatric services are limited to the urban areas; Family Preservation Supervised Visitation is only in Anchorage, and Differential Response is in Anchorage, Wasilla, and Nome only. Most substance abuse programs, if not all, have wait lists, and many clients must wait two to three months to initiate treatment from the time they are accepted into the program. Only three programs in the state allow children to reside with parents during the course of treatment and parents attending programs that don't allow children have little or no contact with their children.

The OCS must continue to improve its foster parent recruitment efforts, most notably increasing its Alaska Native foster homes.

### Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2010

No significant changes anticipated.

### Major Component Accomplishments in 2008

The OCS fully implemented Wendy's Wonderful Kids that helps fund a child-specific recruiter in the Anchorage area to focus on six children a year who have been in the foster care system for the longest period of time and are legally free for adoption.

The OCS child protective services investigated about 2,780 reports of child sexual and child physical abuse – 56% were referred to Alaska Child Advocacy Centers (CACs). Alaska now has CACs in Anchorage, Wasilla, Juneau, Bethel, Nome, Fairbanks, and Dillingham, with Homer and Glenallen under development.

In 2008, the OCS received funding from the Division of Behavioral Health Bring the Kids Home program for individualized services to provide non-Medicaid reimbursable services to children on a case-by-case basis. These services allow for a child's individual needs to be met in the least restrictive level of care.

The OCS administered and managed over 140 outgoing grants to provide services in support of families.

### Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 47.05.010 Administration of Welfare, Social Services, and Institutions, duties of department  
 AS 47.10 Children in Need of Aid  
 AS 47.17 Child Protection  
 7 AAC 50 Community Care Licensing  
 7 AAC 51 Child Placement Agencies  
 7 AAC 53 Social Services

Titles IV-B and IV-E of the Social Security Act  
 Children's Justice Act  
 Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act  
 Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act

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**Family Preservation  
Component Financial Summary**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
<b>Non-Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	19.6	121.3	121.3
73000 Services	1,142.4	1,253.1	1,328.1
74000 Commodities	0.2	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	6,880.1	10,915.5	11,329.4
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>8,042.3</b>	<b>12,289.9</b>	<b>12,778.8</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1002 Federal Receipts	6,360.8	7,440.0	5,305.1
1003 General Fund Match	0.0	0.0	115.5
1004 General Fund Receipts	1,335.1	4,000.0	6,508.3
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	346.4	699.9	699.9
1037 General Fund / Mental Health	0.0	75.0	75.0
1092 Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts	0.0	75.0	75.0
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>8,042.3</b>	<b>12,289.9</b>	<b>12,778.8</b>

**Estimated Revenue Collections**

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
<b>Unrestricted Revenues</b>				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Unrestricted Total</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Restricted Revenues</b>				
Federal Receipts	51010	6,360.8	7,440.0	5,305.1
Interagency Receipts	51015	346.4	699.9	699.9
<b>Restricted Total</b>		<b>6,707.2</b>	<b>8,139.9</b>	<b>6,005.0</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>		<b>6,707.2</b>	<b>8,139.9</b>	<b>6,005.0</b>

**Summary of Component Budget Changes  
From FY2009 Management Plan to FY2010 Governor**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2009 Management Plan</b>	<b>4,075.0</b>	<b>7,440.0</b>	<b>774.9</b>	<b>12,289.9</b>
<b>Adjustments which will continue current level of service:</b>				
-Replace Federal Title IV-B Child Welfare Services Funding	145.6	-145.6	0.0	0.0
-Replace Federal Funds for Alaska Child Advocacy Centers - Final Phase	1,123.8	-1,123.8	0.0	0.0
-Replace Funding No Longer Available for TANF/SSBG Transfers	900.0	-900.0	0.0	0.0
-Reverse FY2009 MH Trust Recommendation	0.0	0.0	-75.0	-75.0
<b>Proposed budget increases:</b>				
-MH Trust: BTKH - 1926.01 Foster Parent & Parent Recruitment training & support	0.0	0.0	75.0	75.0
-Foster Parent Recruitment, Screening, and Training	115.5	34.5	0.0	150.0
-Maintain Service Levels for Children's Services Family Preservation Grantees	338.9	0.0	0.0	338.9
<b>FY2010 Governor</b>	<b>6,698.8</b>	<b>5,305.1</b>	<b>774.9</b>	<b>12,778.8</b>